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Belfrage informed me Friday 5 p.m. that after careful consideration by government on basis information received subsequent to that on which my representations predicated, Sweden does not wish take any action at this time. Question not closed, Sweden desires be helpful but first wishes be sure what actually is helpful situation varying day to day even hour to hour but at moment impression from New York is that problem of verification missile dismantling close to satisfactory solution.

Reference was made to U Thant statement that he reliably informed dismantling in process and understood also from US sources in New York this now believed be so.

Belfrage said government could not consider threat of diplomatic break for various unspecified reasons (one of which must surely be that it would disqualify Sweden for service in UN peacekeeping machinery). However, he emphasized door not closed to possible other actions but questioned whether UN was not right forum for bringing pressure upon Castro. Above all impression of moment is that something favorable is about to happen and while not taking anything for granted, it did not seem to government moment for action of nature we proposed yesterday.

As Belfrage answered in affirmative when I asked specifically if government's present decision was predicated on information subsequent

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subsequent to that contained in my representations and as I had no subsequent information myself, I merely said I would report what he had said.

Belfrage leaves for New York tomorrow with Minister Nilsson.

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